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WHAT NOW FOR AJAX?

The men of Ajax are in a quandary.

Having won the Victorian State League championship, should they rest on their considerable laurels, or should they strive for greater things?

They talked at the weekend with the Keilor City engineer about further improvements to Green Gully Reserve.

A grandstand would be among the new facilities.

But Ajax already has a good ground — as good as most in the State League, and its social club is the envy of all.

What Ajax wants to know is whether there is any hope eventually of getting into the national league, where extra expenditure would be justified.

But with the national league in turmoil, Ajax hasn't been able to get straight answers.

So Ajax continues to wait, and hope and ask questions . . .

LAURIE SCHWAB

Tassie Devils show their teeth

By WALTER PLESS

The arrival in Tasmania late last week of a high-powered, three-man delegation representing the PSL and ASF Marketing Ltd., heralded the beginning of a campaign to enter a Tasmanian team in the national league by next October.

Rik Booth and John Frank, representing ASF Marketing, and Paul Kemp, the PSL Secretary, were in Tasmania to talk to potential sponsors of the proposed team, to be named the 'Tassie Devils'.

At a reception in Hobart on Friday, Tasmanian parliamentarian Gabriel Haros MHA, and Hobart businessman Roy Stoneman, introduced the three visitors to Tasmanian businessmen, soccer officials and representatives of the media.

The Tasmanian Premier, Mr Doug Lowe, has agreed to be patron of the new club. Mr Lowe was represented at the reception by Mr Brian Miller, the State's Attorney-General, Leader of the Government in the Legislative Council, and Minister for Health Services, Immigration and Ethnic Affairs.

Mr Vic Tuting, vice-president of the Australian Soccer Federation was also present.

Rik Booth, executive director of ASF Marketing Limited, outlined the advantages for Tasmania of having a team in the national league. There would be benefits for government, for sponsors, for the soccer public, and for players, both junior and senior.

Every time the team played on the mainland it would be an advertisement for Tasmania and the State's tourism industry would benefit from this.

It is also proposed to enter a Tasmanian youth team in a national youth league. Steve Darby, Tasmania's Director of Coaching, was named as the coach of both the senior and junior teams.

The visiting delegation inspected soccer facilities in Hobart and announced that there were two venues that were more than adequate for national league requirements.

Press coverage of soccer compared favourably on a per capita basis with that in other States, and the level of participation in junior soccer was high and increasing every year.

Kiwis will meet Vics

— and Liverpool
to tour in 82

By LAURIE SCHWAB

New Zealand's triumphant World Cup team will play against Victoria at Olympic Park in early November.

The match has been arranged by VSF chairman Michael Weinstein and New Zealand's World Cup director Charlie Dempsey.

The Kiwis want two games as preparation for their second-round World Cup qualifying matches against Saudi Arabia and Kuwait in November-December.

South Australia and New South Wales have been asked to take the second match.

If they decline, Victoria will play against the Kiwis twice.

Meanwhile, Mr Weinstein is negotiating for a tour by mighty English club Liverpool next July or August.

Promoter Paul Dainty, a good friend of Mr Weinstein's, is helping swing the deal.

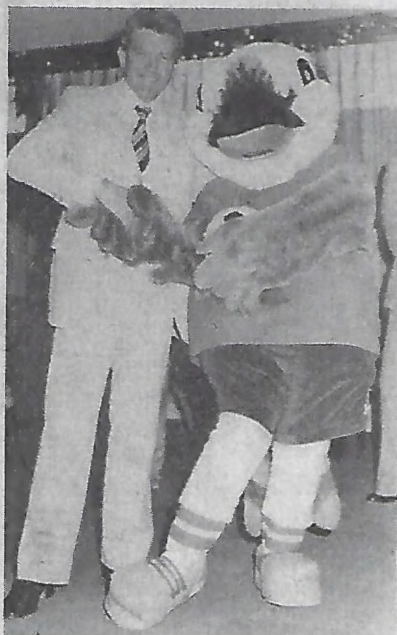
Victoria's game against New Zealand will be played during the period of the Victoria State League top four competition.

"We had the chance to have New Zealand here earlier in the year, but nobody wanted them because they were our World Cup opponents," Mr

Weinstein said. "I wish we had played them. Then at least we might have seen how to beat them."

"This time it will be a matter of pride. Our boys in the State team think they can beat them. They reckon they can do better than our national team did."

The Kiwis start their second-round games against China in Auckland on September 24.



Victorian Sports Minister Brian Dixon meets Kickaburra at the launching of the "Kickaburra How To Play Soccer" book, at the South Melbourne Hellas club rooms.

Risdianto beats the Socceroos

JAKARTA, — Indonesia beat Australia 1-0 in their world cup qualifying game on Sunday after a scoreless first half, raising its standing to number three behind New Zealand and Australia.

A jubilant Indonesian home crowd of 25,000 cheered as striker Risdianto shot the ball past Australian goalkeeper Gen Ahearn in the 88th minute.

Risdianto had dribbled past three Australian players before scoring.

However, the Australian team dominated the second half despite the bumpy field. Peter Raskopolous, Grant Lee

and David Mitchell were among those who played well.

The Australians will play next Sunday against Taiwan in Taipei in the final match of the pre-world cup eliminations.

Before that match they will play an exhibition game in Hong Kong against a local team.

The Australian team was: Ahearn - Wheatley, Grino, Blair, Woods - Patikas, Raskopolous, Kay, Lee - Mitchell, Koussas.

Standings:

	P	W	D	L	F	A	P
New Zealand	3	2	0	1	3	14	
Australia	2	1	2	2	9	9	
Indonesia	2	2	4	5	14	6	
Taiwan	1	1	4	6	25	6	
	7	1	2	4	5	8	4

Maradona deal off

Boca Juniors, the champions, have failed to pay the first instalment for the transfer of Diego Maradona and he will go back to his former club, Argentinos Juniors, next year.

Boca were due to produce the first of four instalments of the equivalent of one million US dollars (about 880,000 Aust.) on Saturday.

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'The long-term future of soccer in this country will not be influenced by some phoney Australianisation'

Multiculturalism in Australia has acquired a relatively recent status as a dominant ideology.

In general it implies a recognition that Australia is a society of diverse ethnic cultures. Multicultural policies supported by both major political parties recognize that each ethnic group is different, and has a distinctive culture and in most cases language.

Multicultural media and educational structures might suggest wide acceptance for multicultural policies. Multiculturalism in Australia does not, however, have universal appeal.

This paper will consider certain views of multiculturalism, and will suggest that policies of "reverse multiculturalism" being implemented in the sport of soccer will have important implications for any discussion of multiculturalism in Australia.

Much of the credit for the favour in which multiculturalism is held in Australia is probably due to the "high priest" of multiculturalism, Hon. A.J. Grassby, Minister for Immigration in the Whitlam Government from 1972 to 1974.

Grassby's ideal of Australia as a multicultural society is of a family of the nation, a family in which members do not seek to conform by denying their individuality and distinctiveness. In practice such an ideal has come to mean many things to many writers. No clear consensus has emerged as to the meaning of or future prospects for Australian multiculturalism.

Nevertheless its proponents generally view multiculturalism from certain similar perspectives. Multiculturalists see migrant "assimilation," the generally held dogma of the 1950s as unrealistic or unattainable.

They also recognise that while migrants have become part of our Australian culture they have brought with them their own culture, at least part of which they should retain and pass on to their children.

The Fraser Liberal Government, with its acceptance of the Galbally Report (Migrant Services and Programs) and its introduction of multicultural television clearly accepts for whatever reasons the broad principles of multiculturalism.

So too does the Australian Labor Party. Many see this acceptance deriving from recognition that different ethnic minorities have the right to retain their ethnic cultural identity if they so wish.

Such a recognition is not, however, universally held. Opponents of multiculturalism, including among their numbers L. Chipman in "The Menace of Multiculturalism" (Quadrant, Oct. 3-5) and in "Beware The Cauldron" (Bulletin, March) F. Knopfmacher have not as of now been successful in changing government policies.

The ideals of Lachlan Chipman and Frank Knopfmacher are, however, being given practical application by one of Australia's larger sports.

The multiculturalism of both major political parties and Mr Al Grassby is receiving some of its strongest opposition from the controlling bodies of Australian soccer.

Australian soccer administrators, intent on an "Australianisation" of the sport, are embarking on a policy of "reverse multiculturalism."

This policy implies a reversion to "assimilationist" doctrines preached in the past, that soccer ought to be cleansed and purified of its "foreign" element and adopt a genuine "ocker" face.

In other words the sport ought to be integrated into some greater Anglo-Celtic Australianism.

The contentious drive against the ethnic image of soccer was discussed at the 23rd annual conference of the Australian Political Studies Association on Saturday. It was the subject of a paper delivered by LYLE ALLAN of the Footscray Technical College. The paper was titled "Ethnic and Race Politics — Reverse Multiculturalism and the politics of soccer." The paper, delivered at University House, Canberra, is reprinted below:

The policy of reverse multiculturalism is most obviously manifested in the abolition of ethnic team names by the Philips Soccer League, Australia's national competition since 1977. Reverse multiculturalism in practice represents a substantial rejection of Australian soccer's ethnic heritage.

The ethnic heritage of Australian soccer is a product of the post-World War II wave of European immigration.

Mass-soccer, the game of a mass spectatorship, received its impetus from this immigration. Team names which identify the country of origin of team's promoters are a traditional part of Australian soccer. Names such as George Cross (Malta), Juventus (Italy), J.U.S.T. (Yugoslav United Soccer Team) and Hellas (Greece) are well known not only in this country but also overseas, largely owing to the use of Australian soccer results for gambling purposes (in soccer pools) during the United Kingdom "off-season."

Ethnic names act as a reference point for club committees, players and spectators. The majority of spectators in many clubs have an attachment to the original ethnic name, and would probably prefer that the original name of their club was not changed. Soccer administrators believe, nevertheless, that good reasons exist for the use of "non-ethnic" team names.

Team name changes in the past have been motivated by economic reasons, such as a desire to obtain a loan from a local council, or by a desire among a club committee that the club ought to attract general rather than "ethnic" support from a particular district.

J.U.S.T., for example, became Footscray-J.U.S.T. in the early 1970's after receiving a loan of \$100,000 from Footscray Council to improve ground facilities.

Wilhelmina sought local support by changing its name to Ringwood City.

Changes in team names in the past have not resulted from reverse multiculturalism. The addition of a local name to an ethnic name does nothing to detract from a club's ethnic character. The addition of a local name may in some cases, and certainly was in the case of Footscray-J.U.S.T., be a partial accommodation to the assimilationist views of local councillors, but the clubs concerned are still likely to retain an ethnic nature.

Changes from ethnic or district-ethnic to a wholly district name, as in the case of Wilhelmina, have generally resulted from changes in the character of club membership combined with a weak ethnic tradition. Such changes in the character of club membership have been rare.

Individual clubs in the past have been responsible themselves for the character of their own team name.

This is not now the case in the Philips League. Particular clubs are required to adopt a "non-ethnic" name. Many of the traditional club names have as a con-

sequence been discarded. Macedonia, Hellas and Alexander still exist in the minds and mouths of their supporters, but they are no longer official names. Rams, Eagles, Leopards, Warriors, Wolves and Gunners are the preferred names of Australian soccer.

The former justifications used for team name changes by individual clubs are now being advanced by the Philips League.

Economic considerations are, however, the main stated reason for the abolition of ethnic names, with sponsorship the key factor.

National competition involves expensive air travel, with competing clubs in Queensland, New South Wales, South Australia, Victoria and the Australian Capital Territory.

The use of "non-ethnic" team names, it is argued, is more likely to attract sponsorships from large companies, thereby making national competition economically viable.

The problem of sponsorship looms as a vital factor for the future of national competition.

Philips League officials believe ethnic names scare away big sponsors. With a new image soccer may attract a new band of followers, thereby increasing "exposure" for a sponsor's products to a much larger number of soccer supporters.

The majority of members of the Philips League committee of management, acting on the recommendations of their marketing advisors, Australian Soccer Federation (ASF) Marketing Ltd., believe team name changes will result in a new and better image for soccer.

John Clark, marketing and promotions manager for ASF Marketing, says the image change will appeal to boys "not following in their fathers' footsteps, boys now into space invaders, Buck Rogers in the 25th Century, who aren't following soccer."

Jim Mangopoulos, former president of Heidelberg Warriors (Alexander) and a member of the Philips League Committee of Management, believes the use of names such as Hawks, Leopards and Gladiators will make soccer more attractive to Anglo-Celtic Australians.

In the short term "non-ethnic" names may be attractive to sponsors, but their future success in terms of attracting wider support for Australian soccer is questionable.

Opposition to a change in team names is widespread among the committees of individual clubs and by some sections of the print media.

Even some Philips League clubs would prefer to retain an ethnic name. The President of South Melbourne Gunners (Hellas), Sam Papasavas has a concern for the long term supporters of his club.

He argues "by eradicating the ethnicity of the sport

you are eradicating the people who have been following soccer for the past thirty years."

In the print media some publications, including the Melbourne "Age", continue to refer to Philips League clubs by their former ethnic names. Sales of the weekly newspaper "Soccer Action" have been banned at Philips League matches because the paper refuses to acknowledge the new team names.

The reaction of certain sections of the print media in referring to the former names of Philips League clubs probably reflects the attitude of the bulk of loyal supporters.

Attempts by the Philips League to prevent the use of ethnic names are doomed to failure, certainly among supporters who retain a strong of ethnic identification with their club.

The concern with sponsorship in the Philips League is primarily a concern with the short term. The long term concern of Philips League administrators is with certain implications of multiculturalism. Such concern is not altogether surprising, despite the fact that the majority of these administrators have a non-Anglo-Celtic background.

Many of the second generation products of post-World War II European immigration grew up in Australian when assimilationist sentiments were strong.

Assimilationist sentiments often influence the actions of this second generation, who frequently wish to downplay their ethnic background. Some of the strongest reverse multiculturalists all that does not conform to some set of Anglo-Celtic-Australian values may very likely be bad.

Chipmanism, that form of reverse multiculturalism articulated by the Wollongong Philosophy Professor, is finding positive support in soccer board rooms. Philips League administrators are most in agreement with Chipman's denigration of "hard" multiculturalism, so described as the preservation of "ethnic integrity."

"the reinforcement and imposition on the new-born of sets of traditions, beliefs, and values which include, as well as those which are noble and enlightening, some which are at least as inhuman, as grotesquely ignorant, and as racist, as sexist, and as bigoted as any that can be squeezed from even the most appalling of ockers."

The reality of soccer is very different. The "hard" form of multiculturalism perceived by the assimilationist advocates of Chipmanism is difficult to take seriously.

Australian soccer clubs with the strongest non-Anglo-Celtic ethnic traditions recognise the need for at least some accommodation with Australian values. Identification with a particular locality, recruitment of players from diverse ethnic backgrounds, even the use of Australian birds as mascots suggest some adaptation by strong ethnic clubs to Australian culture. In turn Anglo-Celtic Australians support "ethnic" clubs, and are generally welcomed by these clubs. They are, however, small in number.

Some adaptation to Australian culture does not involve their committees and a large number of supporters from similar ethnic backgrounds.

The long term future of soccer in this country will not be influenced by some phoney Australianisation. An exclusive concern with attracting the support of Anglo-Celtic Australians will not result in greater spectator interest. Interest in Australian soccer in the past has been to a great extent the result of the ethnic factor. In creating variety and distinctiveness for the sport ethnicity is likely to be a continuing element in the success of Australian soccer.

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EVANS, ST GEORGE SHOW THE WAY

Several months ago, after watching a rather lacklustre South Melbourne Hellas draw with Blacktown City, I pointed out how important experienced striker Alun Evans is to the team.

At the time I mentioned that it could be fatal for Hellas if he were out injured for an extended spell.

Poor recent results when he was out through suspension and short term injuries, indicate how important he remains to the Melbourne club.

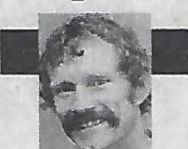
The signing of Steve Woodin took some of the weight from captain Evans's shoulders, but he remains the class player in a team of outstanding individuals.

Evans, along with Brisbane's Jim Hermiston, are the only players of true, top international pedigree operating in the Phillips league, now that star guests Justin Fasbano and Mike Channon are gone.

Evans is the complete all-rounder player possessed of good vision, excellent receiving and passing skills and very competent finishing with head or foot.

He shields the ball well and turns with it in the Kenny Dalgleish mould.

He also is able to play in tight situations, unlike many top English strikers, including Channon and Fasbano who need a lot of space when working the ball.



Mike Johnson

Evans also is an excellent target for Hellas build up play. He always is looking to make himself available even when marked.

This latter ability is becoming more essential in the make-up of all strikers as space in and around the penalty area gets tighter and even in midfield positions, where central stoppers now police top strikers unmercifully.

As markers get more adept at restricting the space of attackers the art is to allow yourself to be tightly marked then "turn" the defender or play quick flicks behind and to the side of defenders.

Evans is very skilful when tightly marked from behind, a legacy of his days in England where the "target" man is a key player in the attacking strategy of many teams.

On the last two occasions I saw Evans two years ago versus Sydney City, and this year against Blacktown — he has not looked as fit as he might.

Certainly two years ago he was overweight, which caused him to struggle, despite his experience and ability, in a Hellas team that finished bottom of the table.

Even against Blacktown he

was a podgy half a stone overweight.

Along with overweight John Stevenson, another fine talent, Evans would have even more impact if he were faster.

Hellas plays a slowish inter-passing build-up which hides the lack of mobility of Stevenson and Evans, but the fact is neither player is the athlete he needs to be to give maximum performance.

It might be all right to point to Ferenc Puskas as an example of an overweight player who left soccer "athletes" for dead.

However, he is the only star player in my memory who was significantly overweight.

Pele, Mathews and Di Stefano, the three greats whom I most admired, were all superbly skilled athletes.

Nevertheless Alun Evans' skills are an adornment to our game and at age 30 he is probably playing some of the best soccer of his career.

Certainly Hellas, despite their playing depth cannot afford to have him off the field.

My two young children had been pestering me for months to take them to see a big time Rugby League game, so I took them to see Eastern Suburbs play South Sydney at the Sportsground.

It was the first professional game of Rugby League either

of them been to though of course they had seen numerous games on television.

We did not stay to see the final score. Look before the end my children were asking me to go home so that they could see the "International Soccer" on channel 9/28.

They did not like the game. Neither did I and if this was a sample of what League has to offer then soccer does have a future in cities such as Wollongong, Brisbane, Newcastle and Sydney where League currently dominates.

League seldom raises the heartbeat, mainly because of a lack of continuity, caused by all those scrums, penalties, kicks at goal and players continually going to ground with the ball.

This is where a good game of soccer has a definite edge.

Soccer is a free-flowing game, which if there is a good referee in charge can flow from end to end for minutes at a time.

I really do believe that the ASF and the referees associations should get together to draw up a formula which would help keep our games flowing as they do in South America, where the referees are nowhere near as pedantic as we are when it comes to allowing quick free kicks to be taken — especially in midfield.

I am quite convinced now that the referee, more than even a coach or player has the greatest influence on the quality on a game of soccer.

Depending on his ability, especially his confidence to let the game flow, a referee can 'ruin' or 'make' a game.



Alun Evans in an aerial duel with Marconi goalkeeper Allan Maher.

Some of our worst whistle-happy referees turn our soccer games into a copy of staccato Rugby League.

Aussie Rules, with its all action end to end play appears to be a much more attractive spectator sport than League and will be much harder to play.

However, it does appear to be a very repetitive game, without the variety of a good game of soccer.

Which begs the question — what is a good game of soccer?

A good game of soccer to a Pole, Hungarian or Czech living in Australia is cultured midfield build-ups with composed short passing.

To the many South American people living here a good game features lots of slight of foot and fast dribbling.

To the British migrant a good game is aggression around the vicinity of the ball and lots of shots at goal.

So what is a good game to the young Australian — whether he be born of Latin, Slavic or Anglo Saxon parents? I believe it embraces a combination of all three of the aforementioned qualities.

Australia is an aggressive, competitive society and it plays its sport the same way, whether it be cricket, tennis, basketball, golf or football.

Certainly the Australian, and even many new Australians of ethnic background, find it hard to keep patience with the slow build-ups which are a feature of some countries and which Heidelberg has used with some success.

While in South America the crowds will yell delighted "O-le's" after each midfield pass, the influence of British televised games has effected our spectators and they also like to see the ball in or around the penalty area.

The crowds will tolerate the short interpassing build-ups if they produce shots at goal, but will not have patience with midfield passing that does not progress fairly quickly forward.

The dribbler is frowned on by Australian born spectators for being a "ball hog".

I think the mass of Australian spectators would like to see a dynamic, physical game

with players showing athletic qualities — allied with deftness and skill with the ball.

Our climate would appear to make this hard to put into practice, especially at the tart and end of seasons.

It would be impossible in the summer.

However, St George, BSC, in NSW State League has proved that this style of play can be sustained through the season in Australia.

Apart from the use of an off-side trap, which while it can be effective at times, can also defuse a game the way scrums do to "League," St George is a fast, athletic and highly skilful team which is excellent entertainment value.

If a distinct style of play does eventually develop in Australia I would like it to be something akin to that now being played by St George.

It has so many of the qualities in it that Australians admire: strength, speed, athleticism, power, directness and consummate skill as epitomised in the play of Dez Marton whose dribbling and finishing I hope will grace the Phillips League before he gets too much older.

He is now 33.

And talking of the Phillips League.

How sad if such a player as Marton and such a team at St George were to be confined to north-east Australia because of a division of the league.

Here we are with the league gradually winning television acceptance and we want to turn it back to "grade soccer" like the "grade cricket" which is played suburb to suburb throughout Australia.

A countrywide national league playing bright, even dynamic soccer, freed from the grip of fearful coaches, is what this country needs.

Given that it certainly will eventually be a match for Rugby League, irrespective of that code's current media support, and it will win its share of spectators in the Aussie Rules belt.

I am totally against dividing the national league at this time.

Brennan the key

While South Melbourne Hellas and Canberra do battle at Middle Park on Sunday a few miles away, at Connor Reserve, the Hellas brains trust will be praying that Preston Makedonia downs Sydney City Hakoah and opens up the championship race once more.

But it probably is a forlorn hope. Of course it begs the question as to the outcome of Hellas's game.

The Canberra outfit showed its quality in going to a deserved 2-0 lead against Hellas at Bruce Stadium earlier this season while Hellas showed bags of character to fight back to a 2-2 draw.

There was little between the sides that day and there's no reason to believe that the same shouldn't be the case on Sunday.

I expect the game to be close. Undoubtedly Hellas coach John Margaritis will be hoping Tony Brennan's considerable talents won't be on display.

It was Brennan who created havoc with the Hellas defence at Bruce Stadium and could have won the match in the dying moments but was thwarted by an upright as his shot seemed destined for the back of the Hellas goal.

The Hellas defence was reshuffled for the Bruce Stadium battle but Margaritis should be able to field his strongest back four on Sunday.

Steve Blair will be back after Australia's World Cup sortie and he may have the job of holding Brennan. It all depends though on Margaritis's planning. Brennan likes playing out wide and the Hellas coach may not want his young stopper pulled out from the heart of the Hellas defence.

I think Hellas will win because I expect John Stevenson, Jim Shira and Branko Jucetic to take over in midfield.

I can't see Makedonia knocking off Sydney City.

Class is a much used term in soccer yet so hard to define. I guess some people use the term to describe superior skills, other may be referring to superior organisation or a combination of both team and individual skill.

All three definitions apply when you call Sydney City a classy outfit.

Makedonia will combat Sydney City's possession play by its fierce commitment to constantly harass its classier opponent. That's not to say that Makedonia doesn't have players of a high quality too. Claude Lucchesi is a gifted ball player, Doug Brown an explosive, enigmatic individualist and Peter Ollerton's vast experience combined with his fine skills serve Makedonia well.

But player-coach Ollerton will need many more contributors to his and Makedonia's cause. I think a draw is the best bet here.

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Blacktown and Footscray JUST meet at Gabbie Stadium on Sunday and I'm going for a draw.

Zdravko Lujic has the blistering acceleration required to foil Blacktown's off-side trap but JUST may play defensively as is its custom away from home.

I wonder where Blacktown coach Rale Rasic will play the talented Jovan Djordjevic?

The Yugoslav import has played in all three lines for the Demons — attack, midfield and defence — since arriving this year.

Perhaps that's a measure of Djordjevic's ability and value as well as Blacktown's lack of depth.

Unfortunately another of Blacktown's Yugoslav imports, Branslav Krtic, hasn't set the PSL world on fire but Rasic will be looking to him to aid Paul Burrows' attempts to find a way past JUST defenders Jim Milne, Kyri Kyriakoulas, Jim Koumaris and Igor Hazabest.

Once this hurdle is overcome the Blacktown strikers then have to contend with the agility and reflexes of JUST keeper Dennis Boland, certainly one of the PSL's best yet strangely overlooked at representative level.

Newcastle will find Heidelberg's defensive organisation a handful at the International Sports Centre on Sunday.

The home side may have to settle for a point but KB caretaker coach Hely Bantz will be looking to Bob Mountford and David Kamasz, serviced by winger Graham Heys, to win both points.

Heidelberg could rely upon Charlie Yankas to take care of Heys while Bob Provan will match Mountford in the air.

APIA and Sydney Olympic promise plenty of goalmouth thrills when they meet at Lambert Park on Sunday.

Both sides are committed to going forward. Olympic will line up with its usual midfield duo of Peter Raskopoulos and Peter Katholos in a 4-2-4 formation.

That 4-2-4 formation has puzzled me for some time. It was a Tommy Docherty decision but I wonder just how much of this much vaunted attacking system is reality and how much is propaganda.

Just watch how deep Graham Jennings comes before making up your minds. Then look across to Olympic's right flank and watch Jimmy Reem follow the opposing full back down the ground when he overlaps.

Well, 4-2-4 sounds good. Olympic's crowds are good and certainly the young Olympic side has the capacity to entertain.

Entertainment is the keynote here. If it's accompanied by goals the Lambert Park spectators will get great value for money. I can't split these sides and I'm not going to try.

I expect Brisbane City to beat Adelaide City at Spencer Park on Sunday.

The City side surprised me this season. To be honest I didn't think it could feasibly aspire to such a high ranking in the league.

But I was wrong and I expect Adelaide City too will find out how good the locals can play.

Brisbane Lions shouldn't have to make the long trip down to West Adelaide's Hindmarsh Stadium in vain.

Lions' coach Joe Girolly should come away from South Australia with a couple of points to his credit.

The great interest revolving around this match centres upon "Soccer Action's" — JAT Player of the Year award.

I can't see West breaching through the Lions defence but Calvin Dount, Billy Williamson and young Craig Low should give the West back four little return for their last ditch efforts.

It's a draw weekend as far I'm concerned. I've selected Wollongong and Marconi to draw, my fifth draw selection from eight games. They meet at the Wollongong Showgrounds on Sunday and I expect a dour struggle to end on an even keel.

IN MELBOURNE

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS v CANBERRA at Middle Park, Sunday, 3 pm. Previous results: 1977 — SMH 2-0, 1-1. 1978 — SMH 3-0, 0-0. 1979 — Canb 3-2, 1-1. 1980 — SMH 1-0, 0-0. 1981 — 2-2. Advantage Hellas 3 wins, 5 draws, 1 loss. Goals: 12-7.

Preston Makedonia v Sydney City (draw) at Connor Reserve, Sunday, 3 pm. Previous results: 1981 — SC 2-0.

IN SYDNEY

Blacktown v Footscray JUST (draw) at Gabbie Stadium, Sunday, 3 pm. Previous results: 1980 — Black 3-0, JUST 3-0. 1981 — JUST 2-0.

APIA Leichhardt v Sydney Olympic (draw) at Lambert Park, Sunday, 3 pm. Previous results: 1979 — APIA 2-0, SO 2-0. 1981 — APIA 3-1.

IN BRISBANE

BRISBANE CITY v Adelaide City at Spencer Park, Saturday, 2.30 pm. Previous results: 1977 — BC 2-1, 1-0. 1978 — AC 3-2, BC 2-1. 1979 — BC 4-2, 2-1. 1980 — AC 2-1, 0-0. 1981 — AC 1-0. Advantage Brisbane City 5 wins, 1 draw, 3 losses. Goals: 14-11.

IN ADELAIDE

West Adelaide v BRISBANE LIONS at Hindmarsh Stadium, Sunday, 2.30 pm. Previous results: 1977 — WA 5-1, 4-1. 1978 — WA 3-0, Lions 1-0. 1979 — WA 3-2, 1-0. 1980 — Lions 2-1, 1-1. 1981 — Lions 3-1. Advantage West Adelaide 5 wins, 1 draw, 3 losses. Goals: 19-11.

IN NEWCASTLE

Newcastle KB v Heidelberg (draw) at International Sports Centre, Sunday, 2.30 pm. Previous results: 1978 — Held 1-0. 2-2. 1979 — KB 4-2, 3-3. 1980 — Held 4-0, KB 3-1. 1981 — KB 2-1. Advantage Newcastle 3 wins, 2 draws, 2 losses. Goals: 14-14.

IN WOLLONGONG

Wollongong v Marconi (draw) at Wollongong Showgrounds, Sunday, 3 pm. Previous results: 1981 — 1-1.

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Stoddart sparks Melita

The late inclusion of veteran midfielder John Stoddart proved a master stroke as Melita edged to a 1-0 win over Polonia in their NSW State League semi-final at Sydney Sports Ground.

Before a crowd of 2,389 Stoddart showed his skill in a tight match, and it was from his corner kick the lone goal was scored.

The goal was well taken. Argentine forward Hector Martinez brilliantly flicked the ball from the near post across the goal to striker Don Allan, who slammed it home from ten metres.

The goal came just four minutes from the end and Polonia was always in with a good chance of scoring.

Melita was much more dominant in the second period however, after an even first half.

Polonia used sharp counter-attacks to break through the Melita defence and relied heavily on the fast running of forwards Anito Budini and Graham Sookee.

Melita always looked dangerous when coming forward, with Stoddart and Martinez pleasing the crowd. The match could have been sewn up within the first five minutes, but Polonia players Anito Budini and Ben Divani both wasted chances to score.

Twice Polonia's defence had to clear the ball off its goal line with the keeper beaten. The first was in the 21st minute when Greg McCoy shot



John Stoddart

from close in for melita. The second was in the sixth minute of the second half, when sweeper Tony Galas cleared the ball after Terry Jones had shot for Melita with the goal-keeper stranded. Melita now will play the winner of next week's Croatia v St George semi-final in a fortnight's time in the preliminary final. REGULATION PLAY-OFF: NORTH SYDNEY 2 (Wilson, Morsello) PARRAMATTA 0 (Potts). Park Crowd: 369. Semi-final: MELITA 1 (Allan) POLONIA 0 at Sydney Sports Ground. Crowd: 2389. Second game: MANLY 2 (Stuart, Wilson) ST GEORGE 1 (McConnachie). Third game: BANKSTOWN 2 (Butt, Waugh) RIVERWOOD 0.

Juventus in final

RAPID-WREST POINT 0 JUVENTUS-PIONEER 1 (Brine 11th). Tasmanian Ampol Cup semi-final. At: 1000 HT: 0-1 Ref: T. Kelly

RAPID: Kannegeiser-Blaiko, Stewart, Nuhn, Wilcock-Wilson, Kannegeiser, S. Southworth, Schmitt (Fletcher), Oakes (Thompson), Mohring. JUVENTUS: Jones-Burton, Lapelle, Di Martino, darko-Bacon, Young, Schiro, Di Felice (New), Brine, Ward.

This was a fine game, highlighted by the performance of Juventus' twin strikers, Brine and Ward. These two gave a masterly display and it was no surprise when, in the 11th minute, Ward rose to a free kick driven high and deep into the Rapid penalty area by Darty to back-head the ball to Brine who ran onto it to score with a low shot from 8 metres.

Ward's awesome shooting power was seen in his superb free kicks, the second

of which was brilliantly saved by P. Kannegeiser.

Rapid had as much of the play as Juventus but never really tested Jones. Lapolla and Di Martino cleared their lines easily while Brine and Ward chased, harassed and created space in a display that exemplified the role of twin strikers.

Rapid realised they were in trouble early when Schmitt made way for Fletcher 10 minutes before the interval. When the injured Oakes left the field midway through the second half their hopes went with him. Shortly afterwards, Ward put Brine through but his power-packed drive cannoned off a post with Kannegeiser still waiting for the shot. Brine and Ward made things happen. Rapid's supporters watched things happen; it was the Rapid players who, in the end, wondered what had happened! — WALTER PLESS

APIA wins title

APIA-Leichhardt won the Phillips Youth League championship by beating Marconi 2-1 on Sunday.

And Paul Scheinflug, son of national coach Les Scheinflug, skipped clear as league top scorer by notching four in Marconi's mid-week 7-0 victory over Blacktown.

Results: Marconi 7 (Scheinflug 4, Tomasch 2, Morsch, Swain) Blacktown 0. Wollongong 5 (O'Donnell, Campbell, Thompson 3) Canberra 5 (Ridley, Williams, Kringle). Sydney Olympic 2 (Ankud-

noff, Cotton) Newcastle 3 (Storey, Kerby, Green). APIA-Leichhardt 2 (McKie, Savidis) Marconi 1 (Johnston).

Top scorers: 22 Scheinflug (Marc) 15. Stamp (New), Wright (AIS) 13. Lee (SCO), Townsend (SD) 12. Fletcher (APIA), Thompson (Woll).

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Monsters pitch, Topaz sent off

By FRANK PANAGALLO

Adel. City 2 West Adel. 1

Scorers: J. Nyskohous, Melita (AC), Smythe (WA). Ground: Olympic Sports Field. Crowd: 3000. Referee: Stuart Mellings (Vic)

ADELAIDE CITY: Przybylski 7, B. Nyskohous 7, Russell 8, Jones 7, Perin 8, Maricci 6, Melita 7, Dods 8, Signore 7 (Rankine), J. Nyskohous 7, Northcote 8.

WEST ADELAIDE: Crook 8, McGregor 7, Maricci 7, Topaz 8, Forde 6, Honeyman 8, Brown 5, Manocas 5, Wright 6, Smythe 7, Kowalski (Lorenzon) 6.

Cautions: Maricci (WA). Red Card: Topaz (WA).

More than just local derbies since 1977 have been tinged with the dramatic.

Even though little was at stake for both sides — except for the proverbial prestige, controversy and the emotional crowd reaction that goes with it once more struck a discord.

Midway through the second half Wests' Shraga Topaz received his marching orders after a crude and late tackle on City's Brian Northcote, who has never been warmly received by Wests' fans.

An angry mob stormed the pitch and disrupted play for eight minutes before order could be restored by officials and police.

Wests had been trailing 2-1 at that stage and were playing well enough to suggest a draw was at least possible.

But its chances of pulling it off sunk with the absence of Topaz and City regained the poise it displayed so efficiently in a most one-sided first half.

With veteran John Perin playing as attacking libero, City tore holes in Wests' ragged defence which may have considered itself lucky to concede only two goals to half time.

Once more it was Crook between the posts who stood between a respectable scoreline and humiliation.

Wests couldn't counter the cheery brilliance of Perin's clever thrusts, the menace of Brian Northcote and the tireless running of Melita, Nyskohous and younger Luciano Signore who came in for Socero absentee David Mitchell.

Crook's aerobics were effective after only five minutes when he superbly deflected a drive from John Nyskohous but his skill couldn't overcome a patch of mud that was primarily responsible for City's first goal after 14 minutes.

A high ball from David Jones struck the patch, allowing Nyskohous to beat Crook to the ball and glide into his body in the empty net.

Five minutes later a superb Perin pass down the left had Northcote darting to goal. He squared it for Melita to charge through a surprisingly lethargic defence and slip it over the line with Crook hopelessly out of position.

Melita could have had another in the 29th minute had Ian McGregor not desperately cleared off the line, a task he made look so hard that he almost turned it into his own net.

Perin found acres to cause damage and he nearly found himself on the scoresheet with an adventurous blast from 30 metres that struck the crossbar with Crook well beaten.

Wests, on the other hand, could make no impression on City's defence and it wasn't until the 37th minute that they forced their first corner and the 41st that they had some semblance of a direct shot at goal.

Maccas was ineffectual on one wing, Wright was virtually forgotten on the other and Kowalski was well cut out by Jones and Dods who played a more defensive role but was able to attack with much vigor, purpose and acceleration.

City's dominance perhaps emphasised its reliance on an

in-form John Perin to dictate the play. When he did so in the first half, his midfielders responded but when he resumed a more defensive sweeper's role in the second, Maricci and Melita in particular appeared lacking in ideas.

Wests discarded its beaten appearance minutes into the second half when exuberant substitute Aldo Lorenzon breathed new life into the attack.

Lorenzon had the City defence scrambling to make ground in the 50th minute when he swept into the box and passed to unmarked Vic Smythe to ram home from the edge of the area.

Honeyman suddenly became dominant in midfield and

MATCH RATING: 7

Wests weren't without a chance of emulating Lazarus. Smythe swept into the box but his shot sliced across goal. Had it been on target City would have been left reeling.

Any hope was shattered in the 71st minute when Topaz cut down Northcote with a crude and belated tackle that justified a red card.

With the extra player, City once more called the shots and within 10 minutes saw a chance by Melita and four within as many minutes by substitute Rankine go astray.

Wests' capitulation was surprising as one would have expected them to employ tactics of containment similar to

those that ousted City from the Phillips Cup a month ago. City relished the space allowed them and used their more superior technical skills to maximum effect.



Shraga Topaz

GIBSON'S GOAL THE ONLY HIGHLIGHT

Canberra 2 Wollongong 0

Scorers: Valeri; pen. Gibson.

CANBERRA: Hozowski 7, J. O'Shea 7, Mourtopoulos 8, M. O'Shea 7, Massa 7, Byrne 8, Cole 8, R. O'Shea 7, MacLennan 7, Valeri 7, Gibson, 60th 7). Wollongong: 7).

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Ref: Bob Moe, Canberra. Weather: Fine but windy. Crowd: 2100. Cautions: Massa, Tredinnick.

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Massa found Purdie with a pass and Purdie then neatly body-served past a defender to sight Gibson loose 10 or 15 metres in front.

Immediately Purdie chipped the ball over the head of the defence. It was struck with great precision and Gibson, not the speediest of forwards, managed to catch it that split-second before Wollongong's goalkeeper Natch Vardareff who had quickly seen the danger.

Gibson stabbed the ball past Vardareff's outstretched fingers and then just managed to gather it before it crossed the line and squeeze inside of the post.

Canberra rejoiced. Wollongong went away disappointed.

And unfortunately, from the fans' point of view, it was a scrappy, mediocre game. But Canberra won and as they have to face South Melbourne Gunners in Melbourne this weekend they really needed both points.

It could have cost them the game against a side with greater attacking flair and penetration.

That it didn't still doesn't detract from Wollongong's spirited second half fightback. Peter Tredinnick up front ran his heart out and in defence Willis and Chris Dunleavy toiled unceasingly.

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Italian battle

Sydney's Italian soccer public is expected to turn up to Leichhardt Oval in force for next Wednesday night's PSL clash between APIA Leichhardt and Marconi at 8pm.

This deferred game between these Italian backed clubs should be a cracker.

APIA and Marconi were two of the big guns of NSW and Australian soccer long before the PSL was formed. Both clubs have a proud history of success so Wednesday night's victor wins much more than two league points.

Prestige and rivalry should spur both outfits on to attacking soccer and there should be a wealth of scoring chances.

APIA will rely upon Seb Giampolo, Tony Morsello and Phil O'Connor to break through Marconi's defences while former Socero sweeper Peter Wilson has the unenviable task of stifling the multi-talented Marconi strike force led by Eddie Krncevic, Peter Sharne and Mark Janovicis.

YAAAWWNN!

Heidelberg 2 Briss. Lions 2

Scorers, Lions: Williamson 9th, 84th; H'berg: Taylor 25th, Bozika 44th.

Venue: Olympic Park. Weather: Continual rain. Referee: Jim Fearn 8.

Crowd: About 500. Cautions: Taylor (H'berg).

HEIDELBERG: Oliver 6 — McMillan 8, Provan 6, Yzen-doon 8, Yankos 7, Selemidis 6, Taylor 7, Rooney 6 — Cole 6, Paton 6, Bozika 7.

BRISBANE LIONS: Lownds 7 — Wilson 8, Hermiston 7, Burns 7, Niven 7 — Hogg 6, MacLean 6, Ferris 6 — Ontong 5 (Ogden 50th), Williamson 8, Low 6 (Daunt 64th).

If a worse game ever played in this league, I hope I don't have to watch it. I'd rather watch soil erode.

The highlights of this match in the rain and cold at Olympic Park included things like the ball going out of play, and the drive home.

Lions scored first, in the ninth minute, when Billy Williamson cut inside from the

MATCH RATING: 2

right and shot low past Jeff Oliver as Charlie Yankos tried in vain to clear off the line.

Ken Taylor equalised with a powerful shot just under the bar, from outside the penalty area in the 25th minute.

Hell, two goals in 25 minutes! Would it be a 5-5 draw or maybe 7-7, or even 13-12?

Andy Bozika shot Heidelberg into the lead on the stroke of half time, waking us up momentarily.

Then we had a few scotches, we talked about the weather, told a few jokes, counted the crowd and watched Calvin Daunt coming on for Craig Low.

Good thing for Lions, that change.

With six minutes to go Graham Wilson sent a long ball into the box, and there was Daunt to level the scores with his head.

Ho-hum . . . LAURIE SCHWAB

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Lucchesi strikes in 3rd minute

MATCH RATING:
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Makedonia 2
Brisb. City 1



Bruce Waddell

Goals: Mak: Lucchesi 3rd, Ollerton 37th; BC: Hamilton 83rd.
Ground: Spencer Park.
Weather: fine. Crowd abt. 2500.
Referee: C. Amos 8.
Cautions: Gaffney (BC), Farrell (J).
CITY: Wishart 6, Vincenzino 5 (Perry 45th, 7), Dunne 6, Reticelli 7, W. Wilkinson 7, Pimblett 6, Gaffney 7, Hamilton 7, Connor 8, P. Wilkinson 6, Kolso 6.
MAKEDONIA: Wilson 8, Rainey 7, Petrovski 6, McMillan 7, Beach 7, Boyle 6 (McIlvor 64th), Ollerton 7, Whitte

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• Heidelberg's John Venzodoorn surges past Blacktown's Brian O'Donnell (left) and Ricci Hormazabal to clear. Picture by LES SHORROCK

PRAISE BEFORE THE KILL!

MATCH RATING:
7

Footscray JUST 2
Brisb Lions 0



Dick Prendergast

Scorers: Cozzella 37th, Lujic 50th.
Venue: Schintler Reserve.
Referee: C. Bambridge 6.
FOOTSCRAY JUST: Boland 6; Hazabent 6, Kyriakoulas 7, Kondarios 6, O'Reilly 6; Kantonis 6, Jovanovic 8, Milne 7; Verweij 7, Cozzella 6, Lujic 7.
BRISBANE LIONS: Lownds 7; Ontong 6 (Low 31st 6), Herminston 6, Burns 6, Niven 7; Hogg 7, Wilson 8, McLean 7, Ferris 6; Williamson 6, Daunt 6.
Cautions: Kantonis, Hazabent.
Crowd: 2500 (estimate).
Brisbane Lions may have been lulled into a false sense of security before this game when they read a glowing tribute to the club in the Footscray programme.
Referring to Lions as "Our Best Friend in the Philips League" the article proffered thanks for the transfer of Johan Verweij from Lions to Footscray in June.
"Observing our club's plight to drag itself from the danger of relegation, Lions extended a helping hand — they transferred a capable player, Johan Verweij, for the remainder of the season free of charge," the article said.
"Such a gesture is uncommon in any competition and if the semi professional status of the Philips League is taken into account, it is unheard of. It takes a real and true friend to do it," it added.
Waxing lyrical, it then went on to ask the "Philips" supporters to give Lions the "best reception they have ever had at an opponent's ground" and then said "We can assure you that our supporters will be harracking for you when your club takes the field in the Philips Cup final and we hope the Cup trophy will adorn your clubrooms."
Certainly a big tribute. One almost expected JUST to hand the two match points over on a silver platter.
But somehow the Footscray players must have read the script, most especially Ver-

weij himself, who for some strange reason seemed especially keen to get on the score-sheet.
Although he didn't manage that, he did the next best thing, having a hand in both Footscray goals.
The first came at the 37th minute mark when the lanky striker fed a great pass to Zdravko Lujic on the left wing.
Lujic took two men on, then laid a square ball for Bruno Cozzella who had the simple task of planting it into an open net.
Verweij played a more direct contribution in the goal that sealed the win in the 50th minute.
His accurate cross from the right found Lujic in the area and the winger slammed it home through a sea of legs and off the far post.
Lions started the game with the side that finished the match against Heidelberg on Friday but by this time Billy Williamson's reputation as a goal sneak was well and truly known and the Scottish striker was marked tightly by Kyriakoulas and did hardly anything notable.
In fact the only worthwhile moves came from midfielder Steve Hogg, one of Gutendorf's former heroes.
Hogg had two shots on target in the first half both of which were turned away for corners and in the second half set up Lions' most dangerous attack with a cross which was missed completely by Dennis Boland and fell into the path of substitute Craig Low. However the long haired winger's shot was cleared off the line by the alert Jim Kondarios who rushed back to cover Boland's only error.
Lujic had another fine game on the left wing and with more accurate finishing could have ended up with a hat trick.

The end for Blacktown

MATCH RATING:
6

Heidelberg 3
Blacktown 1



Laurie Schwab

Scorers: H'berg: Yankos 13th, Seledis 17th., Cole 82nd; Blacktown: Rasmussen 79th.
Venue: Olympic Park.
Crowd: About 2000.
Referee: Barry Harwood 7.
Cautions: Venzodoorn (H), Rasmussen (B).
HEIDELBERG: Olver 6 — McMillan 7, Venzodoorn 7, Provan 7, Yankos 8 — Seledis 7, Taylor 6, Rooney 6 (Campbell 68th) — Cole 7, Paton 6, Bouzika 6.
BLACKTOWN: Hoare 6 — Rasmussen 7, Milovanovic 6, Pointer 6, Salvage 6 — Culina 5 (Cuk 6 half time), Hormazabal 7, Krstic 6, O'Donnell 8 — Jones 7, Burrows 7.
Gary Cole became joint top scorer in the national league and Blacktown's relegation was confirmed.
Although it lost decisively, Blacktown was the more energetic and more entertaining team, especially in the second half when the players gave all they had in a determined effort to fight back.
When Tony Rasmussen scored to make it 2-1 in the 79th minute, Blacktown appeared capable of perhaps snatching a draw, but Gary Cole put an end to that likelihood with his 13th, goal of the season.

Of course Heidelberg didn't have to force the issue, as it held a 2-0 lead by half time.
The first goal came from a spectacular 35-metre shot by Charlie Yankos. It must have been the hardest shot of the season, and it left Barry Hoare blinking in disbelief.
Blacktown lost concentration and it took only another four minutes for Heidelberg to go further ahead.
Yankos crossed perfectly from the left and Theo Seledis rose high above Hoare to head the goal.
Hoare was standing in for Bruce James who was out with the flu. Also missing were Jovan Djordjevic (injured) and Robert Wheatley who was in Indonesia with the national team.
Rasmussen made Heidelberg pay for its misses by scoring in the 79th minute after Peter Cuk had flicked the ball down with his head but Cole finally earned a change of luck with eight minutes to go.
Andy Bouzika played the ball through to Paton who ran over it from just inside his own half. Paton slipped it low into Cole's path and Cole put it away.

TACTICS COULD HAVE WON IT

MATCH RATING:
8

Syd City 1
SM-Hellas 1



Tom Anderson

Scorers: Steve Wooddin 46th, Ian Souness 65th.
Venue: Sydney Athletic Field. Conditions — good. Crowd: 4217.
Referee: D. Nugent 7.
SYDNEY CITY: Clarke 8, Mullen 5, O'Connor 8, Robertson 7, Cant 8, Spanos 8, Souness 8, Barnes 7, Watson 9, Kosmina 7, Boden 7.
SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS: Laumann 7, Bannan 8, Xanthopoulos 8, Lutton 7, Rogers 7, Stevenson 8, Shiras 8, Buljevic 9, Wooddin 8, Evans 7, Campbell 7 (Cumplings 75th).
Sydney City Hakoah is just one point away from the 1981 PSL title with two matches left to play.
But Sydney had the Slickers been able to change their tactics during this game the

title would have been all wrapped up and on the shelf at their Bondi headquarters.
As usual they played a strict 4-3-3 system against a Hellas team that looked vulnerable at fullback where one spot — the leftback position was filled by Billy Rogers.
The Slickers tactics this season have been either a 4-3-3 system or a 4-2-2 system, both not all that positive.
Had they changed to a 4-2-4 system in this game they would have won.
Although at the end of the season, Slickers coach Eddie Thomson, with the title in the bag will say: "I've won. What more do you want, blood?"
Which I suppose is fair enough if you like percentage football all the time.

Stamp gets a draw



Roger Sherack

MATCH RATING:
8

Syd. Olympic 1
Newcastle 1

Scorers: K. Wilson (SO), Stamp (N).
Ground: Prenton Park.
Crowd: 8,155.
Referee: Tony Boskovic 7.
OLYMPIC: C. Meier Moulis 6, Ziras 6, K. Wilson 7, Scott 8 — Cross 6, Kotholos 7 — Redfern 7, Gavin 7, Laing 6, Jennings 7.
NEWCASTLE: Dando 7 — Rooney 7, Drinkwater 7, Mason 8, Endacott 7, McClelland 7, Senkalski 8, Jones 7 — Kamaz 7, Mountford 7 (Iraj Heys 70th), Stamp 8.
Newcastle striker: Alfie Stamp, scored with clinical precision three minutes from full time to carry his team to a 1-1 draw but Olympic had the better of a 90 minute thriller.

Henderson sent off

MATCH RATING:
7

Marconi 0
Blacktown 1

Scorer: O'Donnell.
Venue: Marconi Stadium, Wednesday night.
MARCONI: Corry 6 — Brogan 6, Henderson (sent off 28th), Mariani 6, Degney 6 — Byrne 7, Houssoini 7, Jankovic 8 — Shanno 5, Krncevic 7, Hunter 6.
BLACKTOWN: James 9 — Rasmussen 6, Pointer 7, Milovanovic 8, Salvage 7 — O'Donnell 7, Hormazabal 7, Culina 8 — Turner 6 (Jones 6 half time), Krstic 6, Burrows 6.
Marconi's chances of winning this game faded when Tony Henderson was sent off after 28 minutes over a clash with Branko Culina.
However, even with 10 men, Marconi brought some fine saves from Bruce James, who had an excellent match.
— KNU T WERNER

SAD MARCONI!

MATCH RATING
8

Marconi 0
APIA 2



Ted Smithies

Scorers: Soper 2.
Ground: Marconi Stadium.
Crowd: 5,525.
Referee: Tim Davies 8.
MARCONI: Maher 7 — Brogan 7, Mariani 7, Prskalo 6, Degney 6 — Tomasich 7, Byrne 8, Jankovics 8 — Shanno 6, Krncevic 6, Hunter (Iraj Johnson 20th).
APIA: Woodhouse 8 — Skelton 6, Carter 7, P. Wilson 8, McAusland 7 — Bradley 6, Butler 9, Kark 6 (Coyne 65th), Morsello 6, Soper 8 (Savids 85th), Giampaolo 7.
Marconi continued their slump further down the table when they were beaten 2-0 by arch rival APIA at Marconi stadium.
Despite having a glut of the ball Marconi looked a sad side as they squandered every chance they had through bad finishing.
They could have had a flying start when in the ninth minute they were awarded a penalty.

However, Gary Byrne shot straight into Greg Woodhouse's hands who did well to save.
Defender Colin McAusland who had a good game for APIA, engineered both his team's goals.
Turning the defence into attack in the 23rd minute he lobbed a high pass into a crowded goal mouth.
John Bradley headed the ball down for Marshall Soper to finish off from about six metres.
APIA struck again in the 74th minute to make the result safe.
McAusland sent a low pass in the middle which hit Marconi defender Tomasich before going to Soper who made no mistake from 15 metres.

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	HOME					AWAY					
	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
1. (1) Sydney City Hakoah	10	4	0	32	11	7	1	6	20	16	52:27 39
2. (2) South Melbourne Hellas	10	2	2	24	10	2	10	2	15	16	39:26 36
3. (4)*APIA-Leichhardt	7	5	1	22	10	5	4	5	14	17	36:29 33
4. (3) Brisbane City	8	4	2	21	8	3	6	5	12	15	33:23 32
5. (5) Adelaide City Juventus	9	2	4	22	13	4	4	5	20	21	42:34 32
6. (7) Canberra City	6	4	4	26	17	6	3	5	14	14	40:31 31
7. (6) Brisbane Lions	9	4	1	23	9	1	7	6	15	22	38:31 31
8. (8) Newcastle KB United	5	5	4	24	15	5	3	6	15	24	38:35 28
9. (9) Sydney Olympic	7	5	2	23	16	3	3	8	19	27	42:43 28
10. (11) Heidelberg-Alexander	5	4	5	18	16	5	3	6	27	23	45:39 26
11. (10) Wollongong	4	7	3	20	20	3	5	6	10	17	30:37 26
12. (12) Preston Makedonia	7	4	3	28	12	2	3	9	11	26	39:38 25
13. (14) Footscray JUST	7	5	2	21	13	2	1	11	10	33	31:46 24
14. (13)*Marconi-Datsun	6	2	6	15	19	3	3	7	6	20	21:39 23
15. (15) Blacktown City	3	3	8	16	24	2	5	7	14	22	30:46 18
16. (16) West Adelaide Hellas	4	2	7	14	19	1	1	13	10	34	24:53 13

*Match in hand.

TEAM OF WEEK

In brackets — number of appearances in this team —

JAMES (1)
(Blacktown)

A. McMILLAN (6) **PERIN (5)** **YZENDOORN (4)** **YANKOS (3)**
(Heidelberg) (Adel C) (Heidelberg) (Heidelberg)

JOVANOVIĆ (2) **BUTLER (3)** **(BULJEVIĆ (4)**
(Footscray JUST) (APIA) (SM-Hellas)

WATSON (7) **STAMP (1)** **CONNER (1)**
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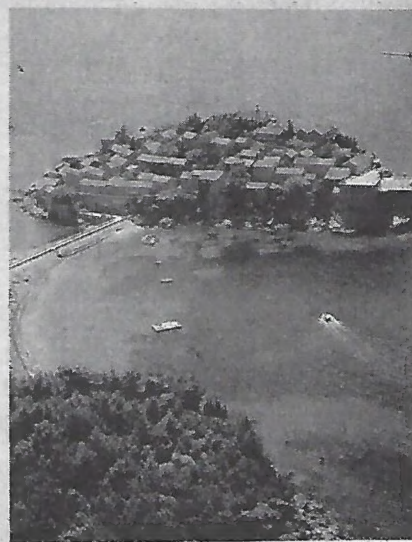
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THIS WEEK'S VOTES

HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER 3 (Yankos, Selemidis, Cole)
BLACKTOWN CITY 1 (Rasmussen) at Olympic Park. Votes

by Laurie Schwab:

6. O. Donel (Black), 5. Yankos (H'berg), 4. Yzendoorn

(H'berg), 3. Provan (H'berg), 2. Rasmussen (Black), 1. McMil-

lan (H'berg).

HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER 2 (Teylors, Bocikas) **BRIS-****BANE LIONS 2** (Williamson, Deant) at Olympic Park (mid-

week). Votes by Laurie Schwab:

6. Yzendoorn (H'berg), 5. McMillan (H'berg), 4. Williamson

(BL), 3. Taylor (H'berg), 2. Wilson (BL), 1. Hermiston (BL).

SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH 1 (Souness) **SOUTH MEL-****BOURNE HELLAS 1** (Woodin) at Sydney Athletic Field.

Votes by Tom Anderson:

6. Watson (SC), 5. Buljevic (SM), 4. Souness (SC), 3.

Bennon (SM), 2. Spanos (SC), 1. Stevenson (SM).

BRISBANE CITY 1 (Hamilton) **PRESTON MAKEDONIA 2**

(Lucchesi, Ollerton) at Spencer Park. Votes by Bruce Wed-

dell:

6. Conner (BC), 5. Farrell (Mak), 4. Wilson (Mak), 3. Luc-

chesi (Mak), 2. Ratcliffe (BC), 1. Hamilton (BC).

MARCONI 0 BLACKTOWN 1 (O'Donnell) at Marconi Stadium

(mid-week). Votes by Knut Werner:

6. James (B), 5. Burrows (B), 4. Jankovics (M), 3. Milova-

novic (B), 2. Culina (B), 1. Byrne (M).

FOOTSCRAY JUST 2 (Cuzzella, Lujic) **BRISBANE LIONS 0**

at Schintler Reserve. Votes by Dick Prndergast:

6. Jovanovic (F), 5. Kyriakoulas (F), 4. Wilson (BL), 3.

Niven (BL), 2. Milne (F), 1. McLean (BL).

MARCONI 0 APIA 2 (Soper 2) at Marconi Stadium. Votes

by Roger Sherrick:

6. Butler (APIA), 5. Woodhouse (APIA), 4. Jankovics

(Marc), 3. Soper (APIA), 2. P. Wilson (APIA), 1. Byrne

(Marc).

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 (K. Wilson) **NEWCASLE 1** (Stamp)

at Preston Park. Votes by Ted Smithies:

6. Stamp (Newc), 5. Scott (SO), 4. Mason (Newc), 3. Sen-

kalaki (Newc), 2. K. Wilson (SO), 1. Kamaz (Newc).

CANBERRA 2 (Valer, Gibson) **WOLLONGONG 0** at Bruce

Stadium. Votes by Peter Windsor:

6. Byrne (Can), 5. Tredinnick (W), 4. Mourtopoulos (Can),

3. Dunleavy (W), 2. Cole (Can), 1. Willis (W).

ADELAIDE CITY JUVENTUS 2 (J. Nyskohus, Meita)**WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 1** (Smythe) at Olympic Sports

Field. Votes by Frank Pangallo:

6. Perin (AC), 5. Russell

(AC), 4. Topaz (WA), 3. Northcote (AC), 2. Dode (AC), 1.

Crook (WA).

Leaders:

82. Hermiston (BL).

78. Mitchell (AC).

68. Wilson (APIA).

67. Bennett (BL), Byrne (Can).

66. Yzendoorn (H'berg).

61. Crook (WA).

Top scorers:

13. Evans (SM), Cole (H'berg).

12. Soper (APIA), Boden (SC).

11. Koussas (SO), Souness (SC).

10. Kosmina (SC), P. Wilkinson (BC), Ollerton (Mak).

Women's soccer on the march

By POPPY ATHANASIADIS



VICTORIAN WOMEN'S TEAM

Once it was "footsie". A giggle of a game played with a round ball and flat heads. But who's laughing now?

Soccer is cock-a-hoop with confidence and swaggering predictions, while other football codes are getting defensive.

"The No. 1 sport in Australia within two generations," declares former South Melbourne Hellas coach David MacLaren. Other soccer warlords are even more positive.

Says barrister Sam Pappasavas, president of Hellas and former chairman of the PSL: "In terms of participants we are already abreast of Australian Rules."

True. In Victoria right now almost 100,000 amateurs and professionals are training 3-4 nights a week and playing on Saturdays on Sundays on soccer fields from Broadmeadows to Bullengarook.

And the real show of strength is that these participants are not only mature youths and men but also a multitude of juniors and women.

Yes! Women! Until now women's soccer has existed but few have accepted the fact that "a man's game" can be played by women.

Just as women these days have become liberated so too has soccer to women. Secretary of the Victorian and Australian Women's Soccer Association, Betty Hoar, says: "There's a lot more to it than just knocking the ball around. Women love their soccer just as seriously as the men do. It is very exciting, very skillful, gets you into the fresh air and one becomes so involved that it becomes a whole life style."

Cathie Currie, director of a girls' soccer programme in America concluded an enthusiastic discussion with an official of the New York City Public School Athletic League by asking him if any of the girls in his school were interested in playing soccer.

"He said, no, thank God we haven't had that problem yet, and he never understood that what he said was offensive," recalled Currie, who has spent the past two years developing soccer teams for New York girls.

Soccer has become the fastest-growing team sport for girls and women in the United States, with an estimated 1,014,000 women playing in 1979 compared to almost none years ago.

In July, 1978, when Currie was appointed coach of the girls' soccer team for New York's Empire State Games, there was no team in existence. With a great deal of difficulty, she found 16 girls who had at least kicked a soccer ball before and took the team to Syracuse for a competition. It lost every match!

Hughes blasts his players and ASF

Why did coach Wally Hughes resign on the eve of Fiji's World Cup game in New Zealand.

In a brief statement to the Press, Hughes claimed to be disgusted by the haphazard attitude of the Fijian players and officials.

He did not witness the Fijians' subsequent 13-0 hammering, instead retreating to his home in the plush Auckland suburb of Remuera.

Before the shock announcement Hughes fired a salvo at the Australian Soccer Federation over the treatment his team received across the Tasman in its 10-0 loss two days before the NZ debacle.

The Liverpool-born coach stated that the odds were purposely stacked against Fiji because:

(A) The game was transferred at the last moment to Melbourne from Brisbane, where the climate would have been more sympathetic to the visitors.

(B) Kick-off time was switched to 8.30 pm thereby adding to the Fijians' discomfort with the cold;

(C) The accommodation originally offered in Melbourne was "diabolical". Hughes claims that he had to find a suitable hotel for the team;

(D) They were not offered a

(E) The Olympic Park pitch was churned up by a rugby match played two days earlier, thus making the conditions even more alien.

In the face of such relentless whingeing, one New Zealand pressman enquired if Mr Hughes thought all 10 Australian goals to be offside. Hughes declined to answer. — PAUL MOON.

Glubb hero of Dunedin

Former Western Australia State representative Mike Glubb proved the hero as Dunedin City captured the Chatham Cup, New Zealand's premier soccer trophy.

Playing with his injured left arm encased in plaster, Glubb scored twice as City triumphed 3-1 over holder Mount Wellington in the final.

The Otago club, which had experienced mediocre form since losing Steve Woodin to South Melbourne Hellas, overcame the favoured Aucklanders with a determined display.

Glubb, who appeared for East Fremantle in 1977 and 1978, scored a goal in each half to earn the Dunedinites their first major honor. PAUL MOON

Billy Williamson, at home down under

By PAUL MOON

Brisbane Lions' newcomer Billy Williamson will not find the Australian soccer scene completely unfamiliar as he has previously teamed up with no fewer than nine prominent PSL personalities during his 12 years of Scottish League experience.

Born in Dunfries, Williamson spent a brief period with local amateur side Kirkcubright before joining Aberdeen in 1969.

Two years later he made his first team debut — as Jim Hermiston's full back partner against Cowdenbeath.

A further couple of seasons passed until a second opportunity presented itself and appearances were spasmodic until the 1974-75 term.

Equally at home in either a full back or attacking midfielder's role, Williamson was an important cog in an Aberdeen side which always seemed to be on the verge of attaining major honors, but invariably fell frustratingly short of the glittering prizes.

Fellow Dons during this period were current expatriates Hermiston, George Campbell, Jim Shirra, Bill Pirie, Ian Gibson, George Murray, Ian Purdie and Eddie Thomson, plus established internationals Bobby Clark, Martin Buchan, Arthur Graham, Joe Harper, Zoltan Varga and Willie Young.

Competition for first team places therefore was intense and Williamson found himself back in the reserves early in the 1976-77 campaign.

Recalled for the Scottish League cup semi-final against Glasgow Rangers, Williamson starred in a remarkable 5-1 win.

Just 10 days later he was playing before 70,000 people in the final in which Aberdeen gained a surprise 2-1 triumph over Celtic.

Such was the suddenness of Williamson's re-emergence that his name was not included amongst the Aberdeen squad members in the cup final programme!

Even then his place within the team was not secure and the inconsistent Scot was only to make four more appearances after the Hampden Park victory.

Dissatisfied with further reserve team football, he sought a transfer and spent the last three months of that traumatic season with Dundee United.

After only 11 games in Dundee colours, United sent Williamson down the road — literally. He signed for Dundee, situated just 100 yards down Tannadice Street from United's home ground.

Here he rejoined Bill Pirie and Jim Shirra in a team coached by Willie Wallace. Little wonder the statement: "It's a small world," has become a cliché in PSL circles, particularly when delivered in a Scots brogue!

The 1978-79 First Division championship was the highlight of a four years stay at Dens Park, although last season's feats of being runners up in both the First Division and League Cup were also memorable achievements.

At Dundee Williamson took his total number of senior games over the 200 mark.

Even though he has only a handful of PSL games under his belt, the Caledonian has already made a big impression.

Williamson has the ability to transform a merely useful Lions outfit into genuine contenders for the 1982 title.

JACK MATTHEWS DIES

Newcastle KB United suffered a sad loss with the recent death of Jack Matthews.

A former "Soccer Action" columnist, he was a staunch Newcastle supporter

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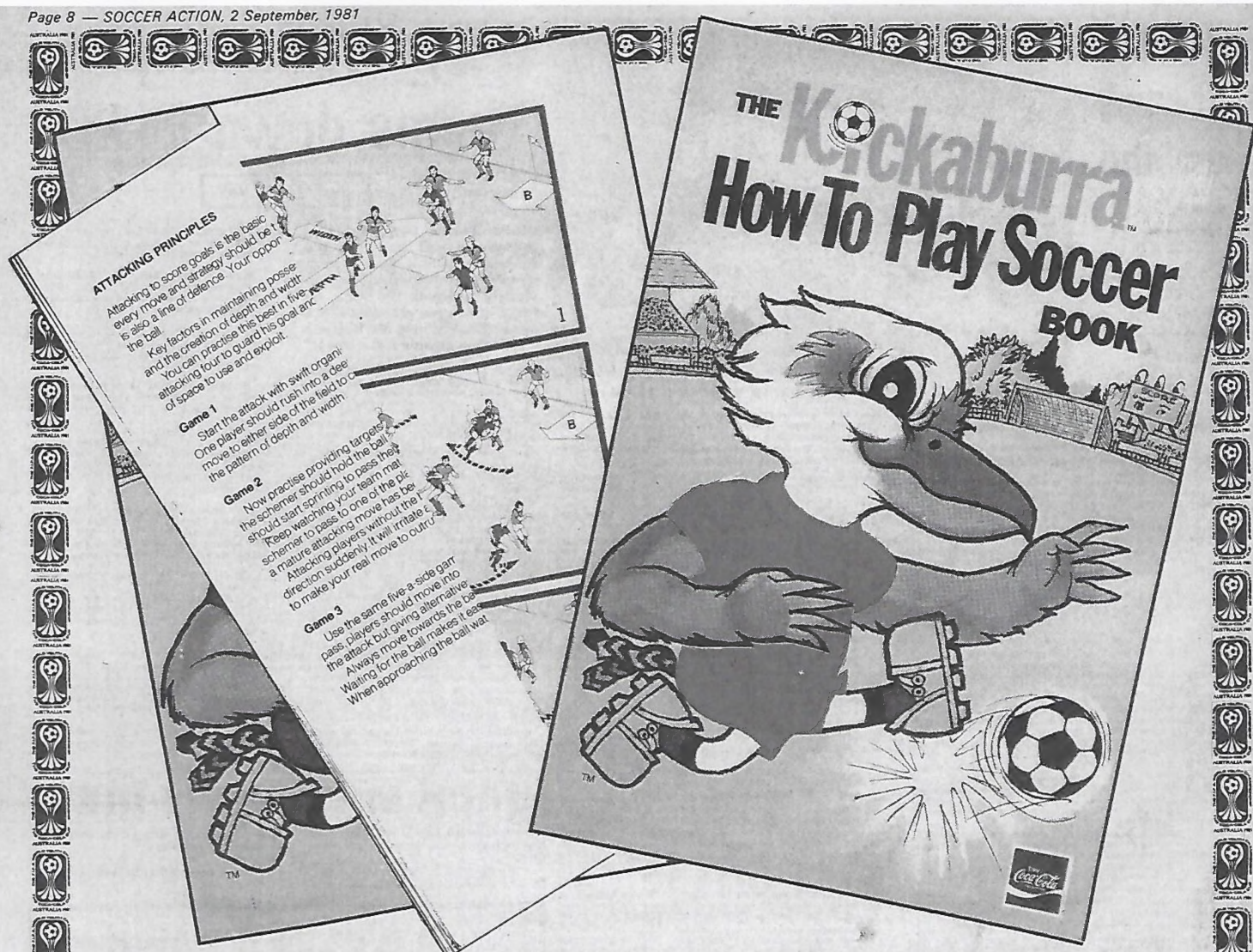
The winner will be the goalkeeper who has appeared most often in the "Soccer Action" team of the week.

This week's top goalkeeper is BRUCE JAMES of Blacktown.

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This chart shows the historical progress of women's soccer in 17 European countries and the dates when each country's competition became controlled by a national association.

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EIRE	1972	—	—	—
ENGLAND	1890's	1969	251	6000
FINLAND	1971	1971	51	2500
FRANCE	1920	1970	—	6000
W. GERMANY	1973	1973	2252	380,000
E. GERMANY	1970	—	301	—
ITALY	—	—	100	2000
HOLLAND	1971	—	1200	20,000
NORWAY	1970	1978	650	10,000
PORTUGAL	1979	1979	20	—
SCOTLAND	1960's	1974	30	600
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Under coach Bill Murray, Victorian First Division club Box Hill assembled a strong playing squad this year, but the push for promotion lapsed in the second half of the season. Box Hill has placed great emphasis on youth, and 10 of the current first team squad have come through the club's junior teams. Two Box Hill juniors — Greg McLeod and Alex Rivero — have won the Weinstein Medal in recent years, and seven players in the squad have represented Victoria at youth level. Box Hill's greatest players include Angus Drennan, Ian McLeod, John Bedford, and Bill Stewart. Box Hill's Wembley Park boasts some of the best facilities in Victoria, and with this sound base the club — one of Victoria's oldest — is set for a bright future.

BACK ROW: Ian McLeod (from Altona City, 1976), Noel Cupido (South Africa, 1977), Donald Brownlie (Doncaster Rovers, 1985), Mark Krasven (junior), Donovan Lawler (Springvale City, 1981), Greg McLeod (junior), Graham Morgan (Melbourne, 1977), Craig Heam (Waverley City, 1981), Scott Patterson (junior), Kyle Patterson (junior), Ray Tolmie (Arbroath, 1981), Bill Murray (coach).
FRONT ROW: Jim Taylor (team manager), Ian Rodhouse (junior), Ray Taylor (Preston Slavia, 1972), David Singleton (Sunshine City, 1981), Peter Verechia (junior), Billy Rae (Melbourne, 1980), Pedro Ramos (junior), Craig White (junior), Mike Valentine (junior), Ian Darlington (Sven Hill, 1981), George Tsakalidis (Princes Park, 1976).

BUFFALO

SPORTS

DOVES STEAL POINT WITH LATE GOAL

DOVETON 3 (Cherrie, Bone, Thurlow) **FRANKSTON 3** (Egan 2, Buchanan).

DOVETON: Ivanoff, Merrick 6, Corke 6, Hulme 6 (Bone 70th), Porter 6 - Melvor 6, Thurlow 6, Bentley 6 - Irvine 6, Cherrie 7, Quin 6.

FRANKSTON: Bent 6 - Goldby 6, Stewart 6, Adams 6, Irvine 6 - Leabwell 6, Halford 8, Tutill 7 - Buchanan 7, Egan 7, Campbell 6 (Burrows 62nd).

Doveton stole a point from Frankston with an 88th minute goal from midfielder Peter Thurlow.

The Baysiders created enough chances to win this game. Their cause was helped by Doveton right back Ernie Merrick who "sold" two goals.

It was Merrick who made the mistake of diving into the tackle against Frankston midfielder Graham Tutill in the 16th



minute. Tutill went down, inside the area, and although Charlie Egan looked casual in his approach to taking the resultant penalty he levelled the scores.

The Doves had hit the lead thanks to a superb drive from Arthur Cherrie, easily Doveton's best forward, although winger Alan Quin had turned young Frankston right back Andy Goldby inside out a few times in the first half.

It was Quin who cut inside from the left at about the 12th minute mark and laid the ball off into Cherrie's path. The Doveton target man hammered a spectacular shot from

just inside the area to send the ball screaming into goal, off the inside of the far upright.

The teams went in at the break locked together at 1-1 but Frankston had been saved by the bar which stopped a Quin shot in the 28th minute.

Carl Halford was everywhere. He stood supreme in midfield and set up Frankston's second goal in the 53rd minute. Egan threw in to Halford who took the ball to the line then cut inside and crossed left foot for Billy Buchanan to score with a fine diving header from eight metres.

The Doves answered in the 75th minute when Mike Melvor crossed to the far post. Nigel Bent was in goal replacing the suspended Dave Gilbert and he should have punched clear. Doveton substitute Steve Bone challenged for the high ball with Bob Adams and bundled it over the line.

Then Merrick tried to pass back to Lou Ivanoff. The ball stuck in the mud. Egan beat Ivanoff but found himself on a tight angle near the byline. As Paul Corke and Gary Porter tried to protect their goal Egan calmly cut inside Corke and thumped the ball low into goal from six metres.

It looked like the Baysiders were the winners until Thurlow latched onto a loose ball which should have been cleared by the Frankston defence. Thurlow appeared to poke the ball goalward but it flew into the far corner to complete the scoreline.

Cross pair back?

GEORGE CROSS 0 NORTHCOOTE 0

GEORGE CROSS: Gay 7 - Wilkinson 7 - McCann 6, Morgan 7, Maitland 7, Farmer 8 - Flaherty 6 (Mizzi 60th), Rigby 6, Paparas 7 (T. Kant 76th). - G. Bannan 7, Toal 6.

NORTHCOOTE: Giannopoulos 8 - Nelson 6, Petrakos 6, Popovic 7, Petrow 7 - Bazilek 6, Kallitidis 6, Kleris 6, Fakos 6-Kofic 7, Sahinidis 7.

Paul Gambin and Harry McKinlay missed this clash through injury but both should back for George Cross's top four showdown against Doveton.

Cross used five at the back with Ged Bannan and Bobby Toal up front.

The Northerners played on the break but Milan Koljic and Jim Sahinidis lacked support.

Cross should have won this game in the second half. Just after the interval Brendan Farmer headed over from Brian Flaherty's cross to the far post and minutes later Flaherty broke through with only young John Giannopoulos to beat but shot into the side netting.

Northcoote came looking for a point to consolidate its State League status and left satisfied with the result.

Cross will struggle against Doveton on Sunday if it repeats the poor finishing it showed against Northcoote.

Sunshine plunges

RINGWOOD 2 (Greener, Thom) pen SUNSHINE 0

RINGWOOD: Fearn 7 - Pasman 8, Brooks 7, Luyten 7, Vermeire 6 - O'Callaghan 5, Dixon 6, Malt 7 - van Leeuwen 6 (McNamara H.T. 6), Greener 7, Thom 6.

SUNSHINE: Conradi 5 - Dixon 7, Scott 5, Nelson 6, Taylor 6 - Espoito 5 (Lalig H.T. 5), Musall 5, Ellis 5, McNally 5 - Bain 5, McRobert 5.

Ringwood's second half goals plunged Sunshine into third place in the league and set up a dramatic finish to the relegation battle with one round of matches remaining.

But the Shiners should have gone in two up at the break.

Mike Dixey was on the end of Jimmy McRobert's first half cross but headed over from six metres out at the far post then McRobert broke through the middle out Rob Nelson's pass but shot wide as Les Fearn came out to narrow the angle.

Ringwood took off Gary van Leeuwen at half time and replaced him with Jimmy McNamara. This gave the Ringwood attack depth with McNamara on the right and Brian Thom on the left.

Ian Greener came off his marker Steve Ellis in the 76th minute and played the ball back to David Dixon. Dixon knocked the ball into the goal.

Then a great run by Don Pasman 10 minutes later led to Ringwood's second goal. Pasman played the ball up the right to McNamara and started off toward the Sunshine goal. The ball was switched to the left where Thom crossed over Ellis's head to Pasman. The Ringwood right back charged into the Shiners' area and the recovering Ellis felled him. Thom made sure from the spot.

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HAKOAH'S REVENGE

HAKOAH 3 (Jordanou 2, Davidson) **ALTONA 2** (Watters, Innes pen).

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ALTONA: Menishi 7 - Thompson 8, Kilpatrick 6, K.Wilson 7, P. Wilson 7 (Inj) Watters H.T. 4 - Jones 7, Cooper 6, Innes 8 - Whyte 6, Mercat, Little 6 (Hannell 65th).

Two goals from sweeper Billy Jordanou avenged Hakoah's 5-1 loss to Altona earlier this season and turned the tables for the Middle Park outfit which was hammered 7-1 by Croydon the previous week.

Hakoah took the lead in the 35th minute when Graham French sent Stan Webster through only to be felled by an Altona defender. Jordanou converted from the spot.

Mike Fryzser pulled off two fine first half saves while French could have scored but elected to square the ball to Webster whose shot was well blocked by Rathan Menishi.

Ten minutes after the interval Hakoah went further ahead when a misdirected cross from right back Danny Davidson flew over Menishi's head and into the roof of the Altona goal.

But the visitors to Middle Park hit back when Jimmy Wilson was adjudged to have pulled down Nat Little inside the area. Kevin Innes scored his 10th goal of the season from the resultant penalty.

Altona was pressing Hakoah now and drew level from Billy Whyte's cross from the left which was met by substitute George Watters and lofted over the head of Fryzser who had come off his line.

But a simple tap in a few minutes later by Jordanou settled the issue.

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Maitland's testimonial

Tickets have gone on sale for the testimonial dinner dance for long serving George Cross stalwart Norm Maitland.

Maitland was featured recently in "Soccer Action" and is in his 16th season with the Cross.

The club hopes to see many former team mates of its faithful defender present at the dinner.

The night to commemorate Maitland's service is on October 10 at the George Cross clubrooms, 203 Albion Street, Brunswick starting at 7.30pm.

A band and floor show will provide entertainment.

Tickets cost \$14 and enquiries should be made to Charlie Cassar on 366 6488.



THIS WEEK'S GAMES

METROPOLITAN CUP, Saturday: Altona Gate v Melbourne, Nth Fovdy v Maribyrnong, Footscray v Fawkner, F.T.G. v Ardeer.

SUNDAY: St Albans v Nun City, Preston Park Rangers Mornington v Frank Pines, Morwell Falcons v Altona Rovers.

Provisional League cup finals, Springvale City's ground, 1 pm; **Saturday:** Res: Hamlyn 2 v Boronia; Nth Geelong v Castliffe.

District League final, 1 pm Fawkner's ground, **Sunday:** Res: Batman v Altona Utd; Abbotsford v East Carlton.

Central Amateur League final, 3 pm Waverley City's ground, **Sunday:** Kooyong Rangers v Waverley Utd.

BULLEEN'S BEST YEAR YET



Bulleen has completed its best season in the Victorian Provisional League despite a disastrous run during which it lost nine players through injury.

Before the injuries Bulleen lay in second place with a chance to win the championship, but it dropped to fifth place.

Lawrence Boarotto was top scorer with 13 goals, followed by Vittorio Salvatore with 12.

The team, pictured above, is: Standing from left: Beppe Boarotto (chairman soccer sub-committee), Lucky Poropat, Angelo Casparin, Carlo Meneguzzi, Moreno Dalla Valle, Adrian Benetti, Adrian Spadaro, Danny Tocchetti, Robert Pillot, Jack Henderson, Luo Bordin, Renzo Sgarbossa.

Middle row from left: M. Michael, Carlo Brandi, Pat Salidine, Carlo graser (captain-trainer), Vittorio Salvatore, Sam Saladino, Ernie Boin, Lawrence Boarotto, Frank Baribieri, Marcello D'Amico (senior coach).

Front: Michael Skerle, Jimmy Papadimitriou, Paul Lostia (reserve coach), Emilio Dolzan, Frank Gomano, Paul Cassa, Rudy Bianco, Stefan Mason, Joe Amadio, Angelo Boin (equipment manager).

METRO LEAGUE CUP

Bell Park 2 (Pocock 22 min, D.Ortiz 2 min pen), BOX HILL 3 (Valentine 17 min, 108 min, Verechia 37 min).

BELL PARK: Shalton, Rogerson, Perkins, Mills, Munoz, Snellings, Banagan, R. Pocock, Shadie (W-tacki 67 min) Ortiz, R. Pocock.

BOX HILL: Haem, McLeod, Gairdison, (Browlie H.T.) Rac Kraeven, Tolmie, Singleton, Valentine, Verechia, Taylor, Patterson (Roodhouse 66 min).

The home side adapted early to the difficult conditions, with the ageing but athletic Pocock brothers doing their well known double act well supported by Mickey Banagan, and Box Hill must have considered themselves a little fortunate when somewhat against the run of play they took the lead in the 17th minute.

David Singleton won the ball in the 17th minute, and swung a

long cross high into the penalty area. Peter Verechia launched himself, and managed a deflection into the path of Mike Valentine closing in from the right, who slotted it past the helpless Shoulton from close range.

Bell Park fought back, and their efforts were rewarded in the 24th minute, when Ortiz left Greg McLeod floundering in the mud as he raced down the left flank, and his inch perfect cross was met at the near post by the flying head of international Ray Pocock, and flashed into the roof of the net.

The home side continued to have the better of the play, and keeper Craig Hearn, was called upon to make a number of well judged saves. Coupled with good work by young defenders John Gabrielson, and Mark Krseven, who were both

making their first team debut, and the cool head of the experienced Billy Rae, the visitors managed to keep their goal intact.

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Juve or Sunshine for big drop?

Croydon should beat Juventus at Croydon Park on Sunday and send the black and whites tumbling out of the State League for the first time since 1958.

Juventus is staging a magnificent last ditch battle to preserve its State League status but I fear that its efforts are doomed to failure.

Facing Croydon at Croydon Park is a stiff task for any Victorian side. Just ask 1981 State League champion Ajax or runner-up Croatia. Both fell victim to Croydon there so it's hard to see Juventus winning.

To add to Juve's woes not only must it win but it also must rely upon Hakoah knocking off Sunshine at Chaplin Reserve. The way Hakoah's playing Juventus' hopes seem forlorn.

I expect the Shiners to grab at least a point from Hakoah. Should Juve win and Sunshine draw the Shiners' superior goal difference would keep them in State League ranks.

Fabio Incantupo will be back in the Juve line-up after serving a one week suspension but it's the Loughnane boys, Ian and Peter, who should do the most damage in the striking department.

Doveton takes on George Cross at Waratah Reserve and must win to displace the Cross from the top four.

But I'm going for the visitors to grab both points even though Alex McConville should return to the Doveton line-up against his former club.

Apparently the story I wrote last week about McConville, Norman Willcock and Jim McLaughlin being dropped from the Doveton first team caused quite a stir. I believe that coach Danny McMinnee was hauled before his committee and asked if he had given me the information.

I wonder whose turn it will be this week?



Victorian State League
with CRAIG MACKENZIE

I recall Sunshine and Hakoah playing in one of the late round of matches in last year's State League with the Shiners battling to avoid relegation.

Well it's a case of dejavu at Chaplin Reserve on Sunday. If Nick Lowe is available he's likely to line-up behind twin centre halves Steve Ellis and Steve Scerri.

Sunshine coach Dave O'Connor can't afford to give anything away as his side lies only one point above Juventus going into Sunday's all important last round.

Hakoah has nothing to play for while it's a case of life or death for the Shiners. They can't afford to rely on Croydon knocking off Juventus.

Green Gully Ajax should complete its successful championship campaign by beating Altona. Gus Macleod is hot on the heels of leading State League scorer Ian Loughnane from Croydon and the big Ajax striker has a final chance to grab the lead by getting on the goal trail at Kim Reserve on Sunday.

Altona youngster Brian Kilpatrick will find Macleod an aggressive, experienced opponent. The big man always gets onto the end of balls inside the opposition area and the young Altona stopper looks mismatched against Macleod in the air.

Out wide the position is no better for the locals. Gordon Wallace and Bill Morrey should create many openings for Macleod.

One of the closest fought clashes of the round could be the Olympic Park battle between Croatia and Frankston on Sunday. I've gone for Croatia because if it wins I win two bottles of scotch from a Frankston official.

One Frankston supporter assured me that Pryde and sweeper Robbie Stewart would be with Croatia in 1982.

And it's anyone's guess as to where Charlie Egan will be playing next year. But I don't think we'll see him at Centenary Park.

Certainly there will be no better midfielder on the park than Carl Holford.

The nuggety Frankston midfielder was a revelation in the mud and slush last weekend. He was the most consistent ball winner, played a part in two of Frankston's goals and gave a tireless display.

Northcote and Ringwood meet at John Cain Reserve on Sunday and have achieved the aims of their respective administrations after returning to the State League scene this year.

Both clubs will compete at this level in 1982. It would be fitting if they draw on Sunday because there's very little between either team.

CROYDON v Juventus at Croydon Park, Sunday, 3 pm.
Sunshine v Hakoah (draw) at Chaplin Reserve, Sunday, 3 pm.
Northcote v Ringwood (draw) at John Cain Reserve, Sunday, 3 pm.

CROATIA v Frankston at Olympic Park, Sunday, 3 pm.
Doveton v GEORGE CROSS at Waratah Reserve, Sunday, 3 pm.

Altona v AJAX at Kim Reserve, Sunday, 3 pm.

WIGGIES JUVENTUS NEW HOPE

JUVENTUS 2 (Cunningham, Heery) CROATIA 1 (Brogan)

JUVENTUS: Fantoma 8 - Curcio 7, Donaldson 9, Della Rocca 6, Hird 7 - Smith 6, Cunningham 7, Gerasim 7 - Ristovski 7 (inj. Corbett 70th), Cavallari 6, Heery 2.
CROATIA: Pughless 6 - Adams 6, Kokoska 7, Ristovski 6, Andrews 7 - P. Bannan 2, Kerr 6, Deac 6 - Batonic 6 (Gopovic H.T.O., Brogan 7 (inj. Pross 80th), Murphy 7.

Juventus kept its slim hope of avoiding relegation alive with a fighting 2-1 win over Croatia.

Juve's fortunes, however, may be decided off the field, when the VSF tribunal meets tonight (Wednesday) to discuss Frankston's protest against Juventus's 3-2 win at Centenary Park two weeks ago.

Danny Deac, recently returned from the Victorian under-16's successful New Zealand tour, almost gave Croatia the lead when he hammered a fierce shot which took Alex Fantoma by surprise but the ball cannoned against the post.



Then Ned Batonic headed over from almost on the goal line.

Juventus took the lead in the 30th minute after a good run by Mendo Ristovski down Juve's left. He crossed into the area to Stuart Cunningham who had stolen in behind the Croatia defence and he headed in from about six metres.

The game was put out of Croatia's reach in the 63th minute when Tiziano Cavallari took the ball to the by line then crossed over everyone's heads to the incoming Tony Heery to slam in from three metres out.

Croatia's sole reply came from Dave Brogan. Ken Murphy's shot hit a defender and fell for Brogan whose low shot beat the diving Fantoma.

TEAM OF THE WEEK

GIANNPOULOS
(N'cote)

PASMAN (R'wood) GARDINER (Ajax) DONALDSON (Juve) FARMER (G. Cross)

HOLFORD
(F'ston)

FRENCH
(Hakoah)

TUTILL
(F'ston)

WALLACE
(Ajax)

TOAL
(G. Cross)

HEERY
(Juve)

STATE LEAGUE

AJAX	21	16	2	3	44	10	34
CROATIA	21	11	6	4	39	19	28
CROYDON	21	9	7	5	40	24	25
GEORGE CROSS	21	11	3	7	28	18	25
Doveton	21	6	12	3	27	25	24
Hakoah	21	6	8	7	27	40	20
Northcote City	21	7	5	9	32	44	19
Frankston City	21	7	4	10	33	35	18
Wilhelmina	21	7	4	10	31	42	18
Sunshine City	21	7	3	11	29	34	17
Juventus	21	6	4	11	20	36	18
Altona City	21	2	4	15	22	45	8

Split, Ansett in final

SEMI-FINALS - BLACK DOUGLAS CUP
- Split Auto Repairs (1) E.T. 4, Sandown Park Rangers (1) E.T. 1. Ansett 2, Meko Holdings Preston 0.

Division 1: Colyer Watson Rovers 14 Oakleigh City 1.

Reserves 9-0.
Mainstays: Dynamo 0 Bosch Dynamo 0.

Reserves 7-0.
Division 2: Doka United 1 Altona Ilinden C.W. 0. Reserves 3-0.

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Reserves 0-4.

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Division 4 East: Gascon Utd P Salesian O.B.; Rowville Utd P Vlay Board.

Division 3 West: Florina Utd 3 Swinburn COT 3.

Division 4 West: Eagle 1 Altona North 1.

Division 4 Challenge Matches: Altona Broadway 4 Dandy Olympic 1. Trarway 2 Rowville 'B' 6.

The finalists in the 1981 Black Douglas Cup are Split Auto Repairs and Ansett.

The final will be played at Middle Park on Sunday, September 20, kick off 3 pm, with the Invitation Cup Final as the curtain-raiser kicking off at 1 pm.

The semi-finals were played in fine weather on a firm pitch in surprisingly good condition after the recent heavy rainfall.

Split and Sandown Park Rangers figured in the first semi-final.

After Rangers keeper Tsivoglou had temporarily left the field to receive medical attention Split opened the scoring in the 30th minute against the run of play, when following a corner Vlaovic came up on the far side and squeezed the ball just inside the post.

The second half was much more even and it seemed a single goal would do but in the 78th minute the Split defence was caught out when the ball was squared across the face of goal and Wilkinson poked it home.

Extra time was very even until Split was awarded a free kick 20 metres from goal which Istuk crashed into the net.

This upset Rangers and within a minute Split went further ahead when a quick break ended with Tusek tapping the ball into the net.

The last nail was driven home when Cesljar beat the offside trap and made it 4-1.

The second match between Ansett and Meko Holdings Preston also had its moments.

Ansett went straight into attack from the kick off playing attractive methodical soccer and it was no surprise when Kovacek put them ahead in the 11th minute.

Following a Meko attack Ansett counter-attacked and good work by Kovacek on the left set-up Liberto whose shot went in off the post.

Can Ajax win all four titles?

AJAX 2 (Macleod 2) CROYDON 0

AJAX: Denys 7 - Hogan 8, Cannell 6, Gardiner 8, G. Bennett 8 - Vassallo 7, A. Bennett 7, Williams 8 - Wallace 8, MacLeod 8, Morray 8.

CROYDON: Edwards 7, Brown 6, Pungoh 8, McComb 8, Hobson 6 (inj. Spink 70th) - Denndier 6, Wade 7, Smith 6 - P. Loughnane 7, I. Loughnane 6, Bakker 6.

Congratulations Ajax! You proved yourself to be the most consistent side in the State League in 1981 and you thoroughly deserve your title, a first at this level for your club.

But a few of the Ajax officials and supporters have understandably got a bit carried away in the euphoria of the past fortnight.

Some of them told me that Ajax was out to become the first club in State League history to win the triple crown.

They were referring to the Ampol Cup, State League championship and Dockerty Cup. All three were won by Croatia in 1968.

I would have thought that the triple crown would have encompassed wins in the championship, Dockerty and State League Cups. Anyway Juventus won all three in 1976.

But no team in State League history has scooped the pool by winning all four prestigious honours.

So it's two to go for the all conquering Ajax.

Against Croydon on Sunday Ajax looked to be in control for most of the game.

A first half penalty, awarded after Croydon right back Mark Brown brought down Gordon Wallace, was converted by Gus Macleod.

Macleod struck again in the second half. This time Jimmy Spink was the culprit. He had replaced the injured Gary Hobson in the 70th minute and shortly after was on the goal line to stop a Wallace shot which had beaten Croydon keeper Mick Edwards. But Spink took too long to clear and in charged Macleod to rob him and seal Croydon's fate.

Croydon persisted with the long ball tactic which had reaped such stunning rewards against Hakoah the previous week but Ajax's possession play proved too much. Croydon's ace striker Ian Loughnane received poor service and was well held by Ajax stopper Stuart Cannell.

Player of week

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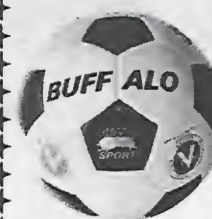
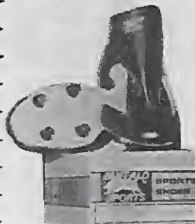
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Season	1976	'77	'78	'79	'80	'81
1981						
League - Division I	5-2	0-0	3-1	1-0	2-0	1-0
.....	0-1	2-0	1-1	3-2	2-2	1-0
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.....	-	2-1	-	-	-	-
.....	-	0-2	1-3	1-1	2-2	0-1
.....	-	-	-	-	2-1	1-1
.....	-	-	-	-	-	1-1
.....	-	1-1	4-2	-	-	-
.....	-	-	-	0-0	1-0	-
.....	-	-	0-1	2-2	0-4	1-0
.....	-	1-4	0-3	1-0	1-2	1-2
81						
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.....	3-0	-	2-1	3-0	3-0	1-3
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ENGLAND V AUSTRALIA

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Outer Ground	\$3

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Outer Ground	\$4

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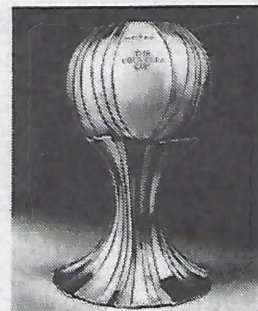
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